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1. OSTRICH, an important German saboteur, was captured while trying to pass through the Allied lines on 28.10.44. His mission was:

- (a) To locate and sabotage petrol pipe lines.
- (b) To contact a certain MARTIN, joint head of the JEANNE organisation in France and obtain his assistance in locating the pipe line.
- (c) To maintain contact with the JEANNE organisation with a view to its exploitation by Amt VI/S.
- (d) To reconnoitre an estate outside Paris, LA ROUILLEE, belonging to Pierre MORAND, with a view to establishing whether it was suitable for parachute operations and as a Fiessler Storch landing ground.

2. It is proposed to send OSTRICH back to Germany as an Allied double agent. The objects of sending him back are:

- (a) To inform Amt VI/S that he has reconnoitred the estate LA ROUILLEE and has found it suitable for parachute operations and Fiessler Storch landings. It is hoped that as Amt VI/S has great confidence in OSTRICH, they will parachute agents to LA ROUILLEE, will parachute equipment to LA ROUILLEE, and will send agents there to contact OSTRICH, who will be put in charge of all German sabotage operations in France.
- (b) To obtain from Amt VI/S lists of targets in whose sabotage they are interested, in order of priority, together with technical details as to how and where such targets are to be sabotaged; and details of new German sabotage equipment.
- (c) To obtain details of Amt VI/S organisation, personalities, and sabotage training schools.

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3. The possibility of this operation going wrong has of course been envisaged, though the case officers have confidence in OSTRICH. If the case does go wrong, the information that OSTRICH will be able to hand over to Amt VI/S is considered to be of negligible importance. He will be able to give accurate descriptions of his two case officers, of the double agent JIGGER, whom he has only seen dressed in U.S. uniform; he will be able to inform Amt VI/S that the saboteurs ZELLER and VLIEGEN, who came with him, have been arrested by the Allies; and he will be able to inform the Germans that certain of their contacts in Paris, to whom they have been directing saboteurs, have been arrested as a result of OSTRICH's exploitation by the Allies, which information would probably result in OSTRICH's execution by the Germans. OSTRICH knows nothing about the location of Allied pipe lines, which in fact he has not been able to find.

4. The tactical information that OSTRICH will have as a result of his notional passing up to, and through the Allied lines will be minimal.

5. On returning to Amt VI/S, OSTRICH will say inter alia that:

- (a) ZELLER dug up an underground sabotage dump and handed some of the contents to OSTRICH. (This is true, except that ZELLER himself did not dig the dump up.) The contents were insufficient for OSTRICH to carry out serious sabotage and for this reason he has not so far attacked the pipe line. He hopes, however, to be able to do this later when he returns to France, with equipment and personnel parachuted to LA ROUILLEE.
- (b) He has sabotaged two locomotives on the outskirts of Paris with the equipment provided by ZELLER. This is of course untrue.
- (c) ZELLER is installed at LA ROUILLEE. This is true.

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- (d) He has decided not to use VLIEGEN because he is unreliable. This is true.
- (e) He has made a small number of contacts among some French who are bitterly anti-Allied since the Allied invasion, who will assist him in sabotage, though he will require further saboteurs to be parachuted to LA ROUILLEE or sent through the lines to report there.
6. OSTRICH will ask Amt VI/S for a weapon with which to defend himself in case of emergency in the hope that they will supply him with a special pencil of a most unusual type, reported by the saboteur LAHAYE to have been recently manufactured by the S.D.
7. OSTRICH will obtain the names and addresses of the S.D. N.I. NETZ radio operators in Paris and will ask for another radio operator to be parachuted to LA ROUILLEE.
8. We know from a number of sources first, that OSTRICH is urgently expected back by the Germans; and secondly, that they are urgently looking for parachute landing grounds for saboteurs. Confirmation of this has come in from saboteurs captured during the last few hours. It is considered a matter of great urgency for OSTRICH to be passed through the lines.

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